

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 were pending in the application when a Final Office Action was mailed May 3, 2004. The Final Office Action objected to Claim 32, and rejected Claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By way of this Amendment, Applicant hereby cancels Claims 9, 24, and 32, amends Claims 1, 10, 16, and 25-29, and adds new Claim 33. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

OBJECTION TO CLAIM 32

The Final Office Action objected to Claim 32 for informalities. Applicant hereby cancels Claim 32 thereby rendering this rejection moot.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 1-5, 7-11, 13, 16-20, 22-26, 28 and 30-32 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13, 16-20, 22-26, 28 and 30-32 as being unpatentable over Selker in view of Lungren. The Final Office Action states that Selker teaches a graphical user interface having a central point with one or more graphical elements surrounding a central point. The Final Office Action states that Selker fails to specifically teach each graphical element representing a project attribute. Lungren teaches a graphical interface displaying a hierarchy of attributes and that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art having the teachings of Selker and Lungren to modify the graphical display of Selker to include display of items representing project attributes. With regard to amended independent Claims 1 and 16, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant has inserted the subject matter of canceled Claim 9 into Claim 1 and added language to further distinguish the icon from the associated graphical element. Applicant submits that Selker and Lungren fail to teach or suggest, alone or in combination, that at least one element includes an icon such that presence of the icon indicates that increased attention is due the project attribute associated with the element and that the icon is defined by graphical components that are different than the graphical components that define the associated graphical element.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent Claims 1 and 16 are allowable over the cited references. Because dependent Claims 2-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 17-20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, and 31 depend from allowable independent claims, they are allowable for the same reason that make their corresponding independent claims allowable.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 6 AND 21 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 6 and 21 as being unpatentable over Selker and Lungren in view of Nixon. The Final Office Action states that Selker and Lungren failed to explicitly teach a ring having a graphical progress bar and that Nixon teaches an interface comprising a display similar to that of Selker and Lungren and having a ring having a graphical progress bar. Applicant submits that Nixon fails to overcome the limitations described above with regard to Selker and Lungren. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 6 and 21 are allowable for depending from allowable independent claims.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 12, 14, 15, 27, AND 29:

The Office Action rejected Claims 12, 14, 15, 27, and 29 as being unpatentable over Selker and Lungren in view of Mansour. The Office Action states that Mansour teaches the use of animation as an attribute signal. Applicant submits that Mansour fails to overcome the limitations of Selker and Lungren, therefore Claims 12, 14, 15, 27, and 29 are allowable for depending from allowable independent claims.

NEW CLAIM 33

Applicant hereby submits new Claim 33. Claim 33 is fully supported by the text on page 7 and 8 of the specification with reference to FIGURE 3. Applicant submits that none of the cited reference teach or suggest a processor that generates a graphical user interface that includes a radar screen having one or more wedges that can be automatically changed in size based on changing project task information. Also, none of the references teach or suggest automatically changing position of an alert icon on the radar screen based on other changing information

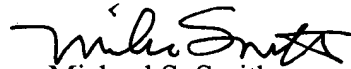
related to the associated task. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claim 33 is allowable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant very respectfully submits that all claims pending in this application are patentable over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Applicant very respectfully requests entry of the Amendment, and reconsideration and allowance of all claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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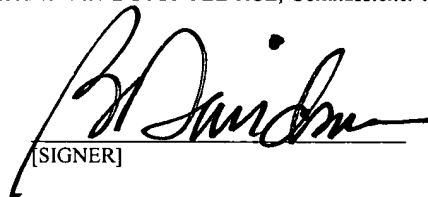
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